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SUBJECT: PRESS TREATMENT OF CAMP DAVID: SADAT ARRIVES
- IN U.S.

SUMMARY.PRESS GIVES FULL PLAY TO SADAT'S ARRIVAL SPEECH FOR
CAMP DAVID, HIGHLIGHTING WARNING THAT THIS IS NOT TIME FOR
MANEUVERS; SUMMIT MUST NOT FAIL. PAPERS URGE CARTER
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TO PRESS BEGIN FOR CONCESSIONS. EGYPT HAS DONE WHAT IT
CAN FOR JUST PEACE; NOW IT IS UP TO ISRAEL TO RESPOND.
SOVIETS CRITICIZED FOR PROPAGANDA ACTIVITY; ANTI-ARAB
CONSPIRACY IS IN MOSCOW, NOT CAMP DAVID. END SUMMARY.

1. SADAT ARRIVES AT CAMP DAVID. CAIRO DAILES SEPTEMBER
6 MASSIVELY COVER SADAT'S ARRIVAL. HEADLINES HIGHLIGHT

SADAT'S STATEMENTS THAT THIS IS NOT TIME FOR MANEUVERS OR WORNOUT IDEAS. FRONT-PAGE STORIES (WITH PICTURES) CARRY FULL TEXT OF SADAT REMARKS AT ANDREWS (TV LAST NIGHT COVERED ARRIVAL LIVE VIA SATELLITE). PRESS ALSO PROMINENTLY REPORTS SADAT'S REMARKS IN PARIS THAT CAMP DAVID IS "DECISIVE" AND PRESIDENT CARTER'S "COURAGEOUS" INITIATIVE IS AS IMPORTANT AS TRIP TO JERUSALEM.

2. THE CONFERENCE ITSELF. AHAM DIPLOMATIC EDITOR HAMDI FUAD FRONT-PAGES BRZEZINSKI COMMENT THAT CONFERENCE OUTCOME CANNOT BE PREDICTED. FUAD QUOTES UNNAMED "AMERICAN OFFICIAL" AS SAYING THE U.S. IS TRYING TO BE NEUTRAL BUT BEGIN MUST OFFER CONCESSIONS IN WEST BANK AND GAZA. IF THAT HAPPENS, SUMMIT WILL BE SUCCESS. FUAD CLAIMS CONFEREES WILL CONSIDER THREE PRINCIPAL ISSUES: WEST BANK AND GAZA, PALESTINIAN HOMELAND, AND NATURE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ITS NEIGHBORS.

3. SOVIETS HIT. AHAM AND AKHBAR REACT STRONGLY TO SOVIET CRITICISM OF SUMMIT. ACCORDING AHAM, SOVIETS ONLY PRETEND TO DEFEND ARAB INTERESTS. AKHBAR SAYS ANTI-ARAB CONSPIRACY IS IN MOSCOW, NOT CAMP DAVID. SOVIET MILITARY PRESENCE IN HORN AND SOVIET MACHINATIONS AGAINST ARABS SHOW MOSCOW INHERITING OLD IMPERIALISM.

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4. GUMHURIYYA IMPLICITLY CRITICIZES CARTER'S CALL FOR MUTUAL CONCESSIONS. EGYPT HAS ACCEPTED EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL AND DECLARED THAT 1973 WILL BE LAST WAR. CARTER SHOULD FIND OUT WHAT ISRAEL WILL GIVE IN RETURN. LIKEWISE, PRESIDENT SHOULD ASCERTAIN ISRAELI RESPONSE TO SADAT'S OFFER OF SECURITY GUARANTEES. PAPER'S BOARD CHAIRMAN MOHSIN MOHAMED, WRITING FROM WASHINGTON, CLAIMS IF CAMP DAVID FAILS BEGIN WILL FACE INCREASED TERRORIST ACTIVITY. SENIOR EDITOR KAMEL ZUHEIR PURSUES SAME LINE, ADDING IF TALKS FAIL IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO RESTART DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL.

5. AHAM, TOO, SEES CAMP DAVID AS LAST CHANCE FOR BEGIN TO PROVE HE WANTS REAL PEACE AND IS WILLING TO APPLY LAWS OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. IF CAMP DAVID NOT TO FAIL, AS "PEACE NOW" MOVEMENT SAYS, ISRAEL MUST RESPOND TO INITIATIVE AND CHANGE POLICY THAT LED TO PRESENT IMPASSE. HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR CARTER'S INITIATIVE AND DECLARATION THAT U.S. IS FULL PARTNER, NEGOTIATIONS WOULD HAVE BEEN DEADLOCKED. MATTHEWS

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